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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, having a three-month shortened period for response set to expire on December 6, 2006. If any fees are required in order to continue the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-5425.

Please enter the amendments to the claims as provided for on pages 2-6 of this correspondence. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 7.